

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 2, first paragraph under SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION heading, with the following rewritten paragraph.

--The invention is a power strip with an internal smoke detection device, which cuts off alternating current ("A/C" or AC) power []AC electrical power[] to attached electrical devices if smoke is detected. The invention does so without the need for signals from remote smoke detectors or monitoring equipment. Power flows through the power strip to user AC outlets, unless smoke is detected, at which point the smoke detector creates a trigger voltage, shutting off power to the outlets.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 3, line 9 under the heading DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- The preferred embodiment of the housing is a metal box or strip with one or more User AC plugs 11 (such as NEMA 5-15R, for example) for equipment to plug in and receive A/C power. The housing contains an ON/OFF switch 3 to manually halt or enable power to attached devices. The housing contains one or more Reset switches 25 to re-enable power to those devices after a power surge, electrical short, or smoke is detected. An optional light emitting diode ("LED") []LED[] indicator 16 on the housing can be provided to show detection of smoke. Furthermore, a smoke detector test button 27 may be included as an optional feature. An electrical cord from the box or strip and a male A/C plug 24 is used to attach the power strip to standard 120V AC power outlet. It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that the invention can be manufactured to

operate with any other AC voltage, including without limitation 220V AC.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that the number or configuration of AC sockets is nonessential to the invention. One or two or more rows of User AC outlets 11 can be used to accommodate the needs of the industry or consumer. Moreover, industry producers may choose to include surge protection, a ground fault ("GF") []GF[] circuit breaker, an audible smoke alarm, a Smoke Detected indicator light, a Power ON/OFF indicator light, a Test switch for smoke detector, a Test switch for GF circuit breaker or any other accoutrement common to either a power strip, an uninterruptible power supply ("UPS") []a UPS[], or a smoke detection device.